

BOOK REVIEW

Baba, Kikutaro 1949: *Opisthobranchia of Sagami Bay Collected by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan*. Published by Iwanami Shoten, Tokyo, Japan. Japanese text 117 pages; English translation 68 pages; 50 plates and 161 text figures. The text figures are included in the Japanese text. Indexed in both Japanese and English.

This is an excellent piece of work. The species are beautifully illustrated in color from paintings by Sanada and Kato. The text figures consist of many detailed drawings of the radulae, jaws and portions of the soft anatomy. These line drawings are captioned in both Japanese and English. A total of 155 species of Opisthobranchia are considered, and of this number 55 are described as new by Baba.

The present work has far greater value than would be indicated by the limited area covered. Sagami Bay is located on the east coast of south central Japan, just south of Tokyo. The bay is very wide and open to the south and greatly influenced by the warm Japanese current. Consequently many of the species occurring here have a wide distribution in the tropical portions of the western Pacific and therefore this report may well serve as a handbook to workers throughout that region.

Unfortunately only a few original citations are given though there is a bibliography included, and most of the species covered in the text are to be found in the various works cited.—
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